

The Friday flash !!!!!

Here's some of the latest news from across my desk this past week hope it is helpful to you!

REMINDER: FRIDAY FLASH IS ACCESSIBLE ON THE OPI WEB SITE

~from Diana Fiedler, Business & Marketing Specialist, OPI, dated June 2, 2006~

"Realizing that not everyone has access to or checks their school emails during the months of June and July, I thought you'd like to know that the bi-weekly Friday FLASH's are available to you *any time, any where* on the OPI web site. Once at the home page (www.opi.mt.gov) click on the 'Programs and Services of OPI' arrow in the upper right corner. Choose 'Business and Marketing Education' and once there, you'll find links to some past news reviews."

FRIDAY FLASH ONCE-A-MONTH DURING JUNE AND JULY

"During the summer months of June and July, I will be posting a 'Friday FLASH' once a month. Once August starts up again, you can anticipate a 'FLASH' every other week. Except for a few business trips and a two-week vacation, I will be available to you at my office number and email address all summer. Don't hesitate to call or email if you have questions."

DECA THEME FOR 2006-2007

~from Shirlee Kyle, DECA, Inc., dated May 11, 2006~

"The membership campaign flyer is in the May packet which should be delivered to the schools early next week.

The theme for 2006-2007 is, "*Let the Adventure Begin*".

WESTERN REGION OFFICER TRAINING CONFERENCE

~from Pam McKenney, CA DECA State Advisor, dated May 31, 2006~

"Sunny Southern California will be hosting the year's WROTC on the beautiful campus of Cal State Long Beach on July 24-26, 2006. This will be a very interactive conference with two tracks—one for state officers and one for potential state officers. We have invited our national president and WRVP to join us for this conference and they will work and network with all. Activities will include leadership and teambuilding activities, leadership styles and opportunities to practice leadership. Hotel pricing is only \$70.00 a night (plus tax), food at the university is \$18/day. **If you are interested in registration information, please contact Diana Fiedler at:** dfiedler@mt.gov.

NEED SOME ACCOUNTING TEXTBOOKS?

~from Alane Dinsdale, Business teacher, Broadwater High School, Townsend, MT, dated May 23, 2006~

"I am replacing my Century 21 Accounting books, 7th edition. I have an Instructor's binder and 20 textbooks and workbooks if anyone is interested. Our district is surplusng them—all anyone would have to pay for is the shipping." **If you are interested in these free textbooks and resources, please contact Alane Dinsdale at:** adinsdale@townsend.k12.mt.us. "

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ECONOMICS & PERSONAL FINANCE

~from NCEE Curriculum Team, NCEE, dated May 24, 2006~

"The National Council on Economic Education's Spring 2006 Catalog "Resources for Teaching Economics and Personal Finance K-12" is available for download at www.ncee.net/catalog. Each publication and resource is hyperlinked to the specific product page on our web site, so you can easily preview the Table of Contents, Read more about each resource, download a free sample lesson or quickly place your order online. Beat the inevitable end-of-semester rush to order materials by downloading the 2006 catalog today. Thank you for your continued business and enjoy your summer break."

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (CIP) NEWSLETTER

~from Margaret Bowles, Accreditation, Office of Public Instruction, dated May 23, 2006~

"The Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) newsletter will be available at regular intervals to keep schools and districts informed about the 5YCEP, effectiveness reports, and the latest school improvement topics. Please see the link below to access the online Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) newsletter:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/5YearPlan/CIP.html>.

NBEA SEEKING SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

~from Dennis Krejci, NBEA Program Committee, dated May 16, 2006~

"I am currently serving on the 2007 NBEA Program Committee and am asking for your help. I have two sessions that I need speakers for. I would like to get several names of people in your region that would be able to speak on either of these subjects. The first topic is Program Promotion. The points we would like to see discussed are: techniques and strategies to attract students to the program, how programs can be structured to recruit, and curriculum restructuring. The second topic is Business Education Relation to Core Content. The points to be discussed are: business knowledge and skills that enhance academic learning, "connection" of business to math, English, economics, Policies commission statement, and how business connects to and reinforces core content.

If you could send me the names and email addresses of any potential speaker, I can contact them to submit proposals. **Any information from you would be appreciated and, of course, the sooner the better.** Thank you. Dennis R. Krejci, Tri County High School, DeWitt, NE, 402-683-2015 email: dkrejci@esu6.org.

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